

BOWNE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2011

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board was held in the Historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, Michigan on Monday, February 21, 2011. Supervisor Wenger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **CHRISTIAN WENGER – SUPERVISOR**
 SANDRA L. KOWALCZYK – CLERK
 TAMMI WINGEIER – TREASURER
 DAVID FUSS – TRUSTEE
 KIM CULBERTSON – TRUSTEE

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Dougherty – Fire Chief
 Lani Forbes – Freeport Fire Department
 Cliff Bloom – Law, Weathers, Richardson

MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Fuss that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

GENERAL FUND CASH		\$ 83,920.92
GENERAL AL FUND T.C.	\$	47,848.62
GENERAL AL FUND MONEY MKT.		\$130,351.31
GENERAL AL FUND REN ZONE	\$432,227.6	1
FIRE FUND CASH	\$204,254.9	1
FIRE FUND T.C.	\$176,647.0	0
FIRE BUILDING FUND	\$	89,575.93
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$140,078.9	8
SEWER FUND CASH	\$152,217.9	0
SEWER FUND T.C.	\$	70,748.02
SEWER BOND REDEMPTION	\$154,910.1	7
TAX ACCOUNT CASH	\$238,992.7	5

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as printed, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS DUE & PAYABLE FOR FEBRUARY 2011:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that the monthly bills be allowed and paid, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND CHECKS #7858-7888		\$ 23,049.88
FIRE FUND CHECKS #4039-4052	\$	13,807.07
SEWER FUND CHECKS #2161-2162		\$ 3,090.48
TAX ACCOUNT CHECKS #3152-3190	\$	499,574.11

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Dougherty reported being dispatched to 26 calls since the last meeting. He stated that the fire engine has been sold, paid for and delivered and they are very happy with it. The office computer needs an upgrade \$300.00 will take care of that, and there are a few holes in the drywall to repair cost approximately \$700.00.

Motion by Trustee Culbertson to approve the computer upgrade for \$300.00 and the repairs to the drywall for \$700.00, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

FREEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Lani Forbes presented the board with the Freeport Fire Department Annual Report. She also stated that a member of their fire board had resigned and asked that we appoint Mike Hoebeke to that board. Reminded us that their "Pancake Breakfast" will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that Mike Hoebeke be appointed to the Freeport Fire Board, seconded by Trustee Fuss. Motion carried.

MINUTES – DDA & PLANNING COMMISSION: Received and filed.

PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS OF MI REPORT:

1 Permit issued - \$20,000 valuation. James McMahon-11001 Snow Point-residence remodel.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that we finally pay for the rental of a stall in the Alto Garage for 73 months from 1985-1991, that housed a fire truck that would not fit in the fire station we had at the time, as was approved in January 1986, seconded by Supervisor Wenger. Motion carried.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE AGREEMENT FIRST AMENDMENT:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that we pass the amendment to the Lowell Township Fire Agreement of 2006 contingent on agreement from Lowell Township, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY:

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the salary of the office of Supervisor shall be as follows \$19,966.93 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, seconded by Treasurer Wingeier. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows \$27,851.80 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Kowalczyk that the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows \$25,579.39 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Motion by Trustee Culbertson that we appoint Thomas Thompson as the Bowne Township Zoning Administrator and authorize him to fulfill the duties of the Township Zoning Administrator, seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk. Ayes – Fuss, Culbertson, Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier. Nays – None. Abstains – None. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee Culbertson mentioned that our Historic Compound will be hosting for the first time on this side of the state the annual meeting of the One Room School House Association of Michigan on May 21, 2011, she asked Supervisor Wenger to give the opening remarks, he said he would.

MAGNA RENAISSANCE ZONE AGREEMENT – Michigan Economic Development Corporation thinks that Magna is in agreement with all the wording in the document to end the renaissance zone designation as reported by Attorney Bloom

WILLIAM WILSON PROPERTY INSPECTION (ORDINANCE VIOLATION):

Attorney Bloom stated that Tom Thompson had done a site visit of the William Wilson property on February 16, 2011 and that some progress has been, there still are significant amounts of junk remaining, including car parts, junk chasses, tires etc. All junk must be fully removed from the properties involved (and lawfully disposed of off site) or stored entirely within lawful enclosed buildings. Township Officials expect that all junk will either be removed or stored all on or before June 1, 2011. Consent Judgment does not allow for the use of drywall in composting Wilson indicated that he will not accept anymore drywall. A building permit for the modular home/doublewide home (which is currently being unlawfully stored on the property) will not be issued until an inspection of the structure complies with Township ordinance and code requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE: K.C. Sheriff's Report & K.C. DPW report received & filed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Supervisor Wenger that the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Trustee Culbertson. Motion carried.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk